

## Decorative Art Work.

The exhibition by the Members of the Kilohana Art League has given decorative art an impetus such as has not been felt for years. The China painting fad has reached us and some handsome specimens were shown in the art rooms. The material for doing the work came from us and we now have in stock an elegant assortment of Lacroix Tube Colors and Brushes, Burnishers Stipplers used in this class of work. Our stock is complete with the finest assortment of colors, brushes, canvas and frames for art work.

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## IT'S A NOBLE SHIRE.

MISS PRESCOTT DESCRIBES A CALIFORNIA COUNTY.

Where Nature is Bountiful Though Boisterous and Men of Mind and Muscle Dwell.

Humboldt county, California, is considered by many, who ought to know certainly whereof they speak, the very finest county of the State. Eureka, the county-seat, with its very handsome court house and fine churches, its 8000 inhabitants (not a Chinaman), not a sidewalk broken nor missing on all its wide streets even to the outskirts, its electric lighting, its redwood warming (for almost every house boasts its open fireplace), its cool fogs and very cold rain, often sandwiched with bullets of hail through the rainy season, is the very most important part of the State, as you know, north of San Francisco and has mighty shipping interests in lumber, wool and butter. When the bar is removed so as to admit vessels of any draft, this county will come to the flood-line of prosperity. The government appropriation of 1893 was \$1,700,000 (this being the third) and it is now hoped that, in about two years more, the work will be nearly or quite completed, and only the ghost of a bar be left to tell the story of wreck and ruin in the sad eventful past! The county is abundantly watered from end to end and from side to side throughout its length of a hundred miles and its breadth of forty. Will you not agree with us when we say it is beautifully treed (enough so to make even an Englishman's eyes water) when we assert that the bare figures are, (and Humboldts are all, all honorable men) 15 miles in width of redwood timber land, extending from north to south—trees often and often of giant size and inexhaustible—400,000 acres of pine, spruce, fir and cedar, and thousands of acres of tan bark, oak, laurel and madrone.

Wheat will not thrive; it is too wet; but grass and clover will, and there are immense dairy farms and creameries—one capitalist (Russ) owning 22, where tons of richest butter are being made in every year. The wild blackberries are "thick" in this country and of sweet delicious flavor, climbing eagerly over every nook, corner and wall (while children are sleeping), straggling and straggling, ragged and jagged (one of sweet nature's vagabonds) into every man's commons and pastures to give fruit, jam and wine for his and his children's refreshment and medicine often for their ills. Dear loving bountiful Mother Nature! The stranger here decides at once as he looks about that the poorest child can have jam for his bread and at least a scraping of sweet butter under that. What can we say more, for time would fail to speak of the prunes, the figs, the nectarines and the abundance of delicious white honey in the comb.

The men of this county are pioneers and the sons of pioneers; they came "in the fifties," earnest, helpful workers, ambitious in the right direction, and they have risen to be the capitalists of the county—loggers and bankers, shippers and lumbermen, merchants and shingle-makers, and there are no finer shingles in the world, and they are made for and by the million. There are men too who hang out the shingle, doctors as skillful, lawyers as learned, judges as wise, priests as sincere, journalists as clever as can be found in Christendom. Yes, indeed. If you are ill they will never desert you, if wronged will right you, and if a heathen or an infidel try to convert you to the Christian faith. They have "risen from the ranks" to be, not captains all of them, but capitalists and capital men, and they are today a power behind the throne, not in their adopted home only but throughout the State and reaching on to New England and the Provinces.

There's a Bell and a Vance, a Henderson and a Whipple, a Wallace and a Leacock, a Lindsay, a Carson and a Marks, an Atcheson and hosts whose bank account may be smaller but integrity is just as sure! We summered and wintered in that little town whose name is Eureka but should be Philadelphia when it's re-christened one happy day.

The people have two prime ambitions only. The first is the entire removal of that dreaded sand bar and the second is the railroad from Eureka to Ukiah, the journey now being made by stage over a rough country. One may walk the length and breadth of this beautiful clean little town on good wooden sidewalks, see in the distance on one hand the hills, snow-capped from December to April, and on the other beautiful land-locked Humboldt Bay—see flowers in every garden, a wood-pile in every yard, and look in vain for anything slipshod or poverty-stricken kents; meat and fish are as cheap again as in San Francisco and the beef is of the best.

The smallest, humblest habitation seems to have "home" written all over the front. You detect it in the fresh white curtains, the bit of a garden, the few roses and geraniums, the vegetable patch, the chickens, the well, the child in the path with his little cart loaded up with sunshine from his own baby face, so happy about nothing in particular—just to be let "out doors" and let to stray about at his own sweet will, joyous and free as the birds.

ANNE M. PRESCOTT.

(Conclusion next issue.)

## Popular Topics of the Day.

Honolulu has as many machinists considering the population as any place we know of—and they're good machinists too, men who can take a steel rod and with the assistance of a lathe fashion it into parts for the most intricate machinery for an engine. To do this, of course, requires a knowledge of tools as well as the handling of them.

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